

State of Emergency Water Shortage Conditions and Newly Proposed Restrictions

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Overview

- Current Drought Conditions
- Important dates
- Proposed changes to *Water Shortage Contingency Plan*
- Action Plan
- Staff Recommendation
- Council deliberation



Drought Conditions

- Northern California – major drought
- Sierra snowpack and surface water storage at historical lows
- Dry reservoirs and dams
- Fourth consecutive dry year



Important Dates

- **January 17, 2014** (Governor Brown declared State of Emergency under the Californian Emergency Services Act)
- **February 25, 2014** (Lincoln City Council adopts Water Shortage Emergency Condition Resolution)
- **April 25, 2014** (Governor Brown issues proclamation of continued State of Emergency)



Important Dates cont'd

- **March 17, 2015** (the State Water Resources Control Board adopts Water Conservation Emergency Regulations)
- **April 1, 2015** (Governor Brown issues Executive Order B-29-15 requiring water restrictions to achieve a 25% reduction)



Proposed Changes to the Water Shortage Contingency Plan

- Outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscaping and ornamental turf with potable water **limited to no more than three days per week.**
- The use of **potable water** in a fountain or other **decorative water feature** is **prohibited** unless the water is **part of a recirculating system.**
- The application of **potable water** to outdoor landscaping during and **up to 48 hours** after measurable rainfall is **prohibited.**



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- Hotel and motel operators shall provide guests with the option of **not having towels or linens laundered daily** and display a notice in each bathroom.
- The application of **potable water on driveways and sidewalks is prohibited.**
- The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that **causes runoff onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures is prohibited.**



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- The application of **potable water** to median ornamental turf in **public street medians** is prohibited.
- Irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes and buildings that is not delivered by a drip system or microspray system is prohibited.



Drought Action Plan

- Management of existing water distribution system
- Public education and outreach
- Reduction in water use
- Improvements to surface water, ground water and reclaimed water infrastructure
- Review Water Shortage Contingency Plan



Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council approve two resolutions:

- 1) Declaring a Continued Water Shortage State of Emergency on April 7, 2015; and
- 2) Adopting regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water within the city's service area.



Questions?

